

Remarks

By this Amendment, claims 41 and 43-45 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 9 is amended. After entry of this Amendment, claims 8-10, 14-22 and 31-39 will be present. Reconsideration in view of the above amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 9 and 10 contain allowable subject matter and that claims 8, 14-22 and 31-39 are allowed.

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In response to this rejection, Applicant has amended claim 9 to depend from claim 8 instead of claim 7. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 9 as amended is now in condition for allowance. Further, claim 10, being directly dependent upon claim 9, is allowable for at least the same reasons as for claim 9. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection to claims 9 and 10 be withdrawn.

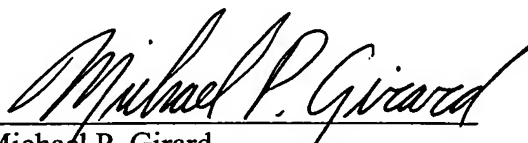
Claims 41 and 43-45 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to expedite prosecution and for economic reasons. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any of the cancelled claims or similar claims in continuation applications.

Based on the above amendments, the prior art rejection of claims 41 and 43-45 is moot, remaining claims 8-10, 14-22 and 31-39 are directed to allowable subject matter, and the application is in condition for allowance. Should the examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place this application in better condition for allowance, the examiner is requested to contact Applicant's representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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